

OPINION 1480

Apanteles ornigis Weed, 1887 (currently *Pholetesor ornigis*; Insecta, Hymenoptera): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that the specific name *ornigis* Weed, 1887, as published in the binomen *Apanteles ornigis*, is to have precedence over the name *robiniae* Fitch, 1859, as published in the binomen *Microgaster robiniae*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

(2) The name *Pholetesor* Mason, 1981 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation *Apanteles ornigis* Weed, 1887, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *ornigis* Weed, 1887, as published in the binomen *Apanteles ornigis*, (specific name of the type species of *Pholetesor* Mason, 1981) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology, with the endorsement that it is to have precedence over the name *robiniae* Fitch, 1859, as published in the binomen *Microgaster robiniae*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

(4) The name *robiniae* Fitch, 1859, as published in the binomen *Microgaster robiniae*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology, with the endorsement that it is not to have precedence over the name *ornigis* Weed, 1887, as published in the binomen *Apanteles ornigis*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

History of Case 2506

An application for the conservation of *Apanteles ornigis* Weed, 1887 by the suppression of its senior but unused subjective synonym *Microgaster robiniae* Fitch, 1859, was received from Dr J. B. Whitfield (*University of California, Berkeley, California*) on 24 January 1985, and after correspondence was published in BZN 43: 96–98 (April 1986). Notice of the case was sent to twelve general and ten specialist journals. A supportive comment by Dr R. A. Wharton (*Texas A & M University, U.S.A.*) was published in BZN 43: 324 (December 1986). Comments from Dr L. B. Holthuis and from Dr C. van Achterberg (both of the *Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden, The Netherlands*) were published in BZN 44: 46 (March 1987); Dr Holthuis suggested giving precedence to *ornigis* over *robiniae*, while Dr van Achterberg considered that the senior name *robiniae* should be used. In a reply, also published in BZN 44: 46, Dr Whitfield reiterated his proposal for the conservation of *ornigis*.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1987 the members of the Commission were asked to vote on the proposals set out in BZN 43: 97. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1987 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 12: Alvarado, Bernardi, Cocks, Corliss, Heppell, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Schuster, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 9: Bayer, Cogger, Dupuis, Hahn, Holthuis, Kabata, Mroczkowski, Savage, Thompson.

Gruchy abstained and Ride was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Halvorsen and Starobogatov.

The proposal to suppress the name *robiniae* Fitch, 1859 was thus not carried. However, with the exceptions of Cogger and Thompson, all those voting against the original proposals expressed support for *ornigis* Weed, 1887 having precedence over *robiniae* Fitch, 1859, and the ruling has been made accordingly.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Pholetesor Mason, 1981, *Memoirs of the Entomological Society of Canada*, **115**: 37.

ornigis, *Apanteles*, Weed, 1887, *Bulletin of the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History*, **3**: 6.

(Designated as type species of *Pholetesor* Mason, 1981: *Memoirs of the Entomological Society of Canada*, **115**: 37).

robiniae, *Microgaster*, Fitch, 1859, *New York State Agricultural Society Transactions*, **18**: 836.